

1Date January 24, 1964

WILLIAM SHARPER, 3489 Detonte Street, who is employed by Beer & Co., as an elevator operator in the Dallas-Tex Building, located at the corner of Houston and Elm Streets, voluntarily furnished the following information in response to inquiry:

SHARPER related that on November 22, 1963, he had left the Dallas-Tex Building to observe President KENNEDY, whose car he thought was to pass by the corner of Houston and Elm Streets. According to SHARPER a short time after the President's car had passed by that point he heard several shots and subsequently crossed to the East side of Houston Street and walked to the corner of Houston and Elm immediately in front of the Texas School Book Depository where he remained standing for a very short time. He advised that he saw nothing of pertinence and could furnish no information that would be of assistance in this investigation. He then returned to the Dallas-Tex Building.

Approximately ten minutes later, a white male, age 30 to 35, attired in a light colored overcoat and a light colored felt hat, entered the Dallas-Tex Building by the freight entrance and asked to use the telephone in the building. SHARPER related that there was a pay phone on the third floor and used the freight elevator to carry this man to the third floor where he left him. After SHARPER had made several trips in the elevator, he returned to the third floor and picked up the same man returning him in the elevator to the first floor. He explained about seven minutes elapsed between the time he left this man on the third floor and the time that he picked him up. As the man was leaving the building, SHARPER advised a police officer, who was by the building, that this particular man had been in the building and did not belong in the building. He stated that this man then voluntarily departed with the police officer for questioning. SHARPER advised that this is all the pertinent information he has regarding this incident and the assassination.

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Under date of January 15, 1964, the Bureau advised that the November 23, 1963, issue of "The Shreveport Journal", Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana, on Page A3, contained an article captioned "Local Man Near Kennedy's Car At Time Of Shooting". This article indicates in part that H. LEE MUDD of Spring Ridge Road, was in Dallas at the time President KENNEDY was assassinated and was standing approximately 25 feet in front of the car at the time of the shooting. It is indicated MUDD was in Dallas on a business trip and had taken time out to watch the parade. He was quoted as stating, "I heard two reports that sounded like fire crackers."

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